

REMARKS

The Office action of December 16, 2010 has been received and reviewed. All claims stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Clarifying amendments are to be made to the application as previously set forth. All amendments and claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

A. 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 - 11, 22 - 24 and 29 - 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 25 - 27, 30, and 31 have been cancelled thus mooted the rejection as to those claims. Applicants have amended the remaining claims and in view of the amendments, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The terminology “controlling” was rejected as assertedly being too broad. Applicants have amended the claims to recite –minimizing—instead, which is believed to be remedial. As acknowledged by the Office action, the claims are directed to a minimizing an ectoparasitic infection. (Office action, p. 3).

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 - 11, 22 - 24 and 29 - 31 stand further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Again, claims 25 - 27, 30, and 31 have been cancelled thus mooted the rejection as to those claims. Applicants have amended the remaining claims and in view of the amendments, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The non-recitation of the 3-isopropyl-1H-pyrazole derivative was rejected. Remedial amendments have been made.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 - 11, 22 - 24 and 29 - 31 stand further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claims 25 - 27, 30, and 31 have been cancelled thus mooted the rejection as to those claims. Applicants have amended the remaining claims and in view of the amendments, respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

With respect to the remaining rejection of claim 1, the rejected terminology has been removed from the claim.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

B. 35 U.S.C. §103(a):

Claims 25, 26, and 29 - 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious. Claims 25, 26, 30, and 31 have been cancelled thus mooted the rejection as to those claims. Applicants have amended claim 29 to depend from claim 1, which should overcome the rejection, and the applicants thus respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen C. Turner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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